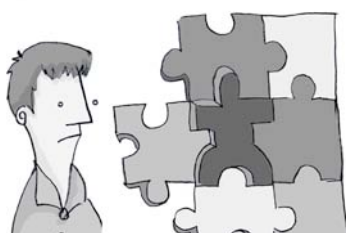


Winter Sports Preview

The Flat Hat forecasts the seasons of the Tribe winter sports teams, including an in-depth look at Tribe men's and women's basketball.

See WINTER SPORTS PREVIEW pages 7 and 8



Gay on campus

Sex columnist Emily Powell speaks with a gay student about family, sexuality and his college experience.

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Science classes give 10% fewer 'A's

Twelve percent of all grades awarded are lower than 'B'

By SARAH OWERMOHLE
The Flat Hat

In the spring 2007 semester, science departments gave out 10 percent fewer 'A' grades than liberal arts departments did. GPA averages in the natural sciences were also 5 percent lower than those of the humanities and arts.

Department	Avg. GPAs
Department	GPA
Music	3.81
English	3.40
Languages/Lit	3.40
Biology	3.36
History	3.30
Government	3.27
Physics	3.27
Philosophy	3.24
Psychology	3.18
Kinesiology	3.17
Chemistry	3.15
Religion	3.06
Economics	3.02
Math	2.99
All Liberal Arts	3.38
All Natural Sciences	3.20

this divide, and [the 10 percent difference] is small compared to other colleges and universities."

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ELECTION 2007

Dems look to take Senate

By JOSHUA BARR
Flat Hat Staff Writer

Today is Election Day, and Virginia Democrats are expected to make gains in the General Assembly.

With the seats of all 140 delegates and senators up for election, Democrats are feeling increasingly confident that they can retake the Senate and pick up three to six seats

in the House of Delegates, according to the Oct. 14 online edition of The Washington Post.

The Post reported that 56 percent of voters were dissatisfied with the Republicans' performance in the General Assembly. Of those polled, 45 percent gave negative ratings to Democrats. When voters were asked what party they would like to control the General Assembly, 50 percent said Democrats, and 42

percent said Republicans.

In Williamsburg, there is little competition. Most students who have registered in Williamsburg will likely fall into the 3rd Senate District, where incumbent Sen. Thomas Norment Jr. (R) is running unopposed. In the nearby 64th District of the House of Delegates, incumbent William Barlow (R) is also running unopposed. Williamsburg voters will also decide the local

constitutional offices of clerk of the court, commonwealth's attorney, sheriff, treasurer and the members of the Soil and Water Conservation Board.

Students at the College's law school have created a non-partisan voter assistance hotline called the W&M VOTeline, (757) 221-2890, that offers students free

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IRAQI AMBASSADOR



STEPHEN SALPUKAS — THE COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY

Samir Shakir Mahmood Sumaida'ie, Iraq's ambassador to the U.S., spoke Sunday night at the Williamsburg Lodge as part of the Global Forum. According to the Daily Press, Sumaida'ie discussed his childhood in Iraq as he witnessed the country deteriorate. College President Gene Nichol hosted the event.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Alumnus Paul Jost runs for Congress

Interview by RONNIE WANG
The Flat Hat

Paul Jost '76, a College alumnus and prominent businessman in Williamsburg, is running as a Republican candidate for the 1st District congressional seat left vacant following the recent death of Congresswoman Jo Ann Davis. The Republican nominee will be selected by convention Saturday.

In addition to having served as a member on the College's Board of Visitors, Jost is the chairman of the Virginia chapter of the Club for Growth and a significant contributor to GOP causes. The Flat Hat recently conducted a telephone interview with Jost.

Flat Hat: Why are you running for office? What issues do you want to address?

Jost: I want to make a change. I am the chairman of the Club for Growth which supports lowering taxes, limiting government spending, and fighting earmarks and pet projects that waste taxpayers' money. I feel spending has gone out of control, we no longer pay the proper respect to the military, we no longer pay respect to our values, that's true in Richmond too, with the new "abusive driver fees and transportation fees."

FH: How has your experience at William and Mary affected you?

Jost: [It was the] greatest time of my life. I was at William and Mary as an undergrad from 1972 to 1976. I then went to the law school here, but transferred after a year to attend the Harvard Business School. I came back in the 80s and finished up my law degree. The professors here were tremendously talented people; dealing and interacting with them really changed my life.

And senior year I got cancer, so I had to drop out of school for a semester. The support that I got from

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COURTESY PHOTO — JOSTFORCONGRESS.COM
Paul Jost '76 is running for Congress.

TOWN AND GOWN RELATIONS

City inspects rentals

Rental Inspection Program allows city to inspect rental houses in blighted areas every time occupants change

By SAM SUTTON
Flat Hat Staff Writer

A 2002 report from Williamsburg Planning Director Reed Nester identified four zones that were deemed blighted based on the number of registered complaints, proximity to the College and on the neighborhoods' "history of residential structures that lack facilities that provide minimum levels of health, safety and welfare to the occupant, including the dilapidation of buildings and other structures."

The report identifies two of the zones, along Richmond and Jamestown roads, as providing "housing to a substantial number of College students." According to Sharpe program data cited in the report, 62 percent of the off-campus student population lived in the zones at the time.

Rental units within the zones are subject to inspection once every four years and upon change of occupants. Code violations

often result in more frequent inspections. The city and state both cite the health and safety of residents as the primary reason for rental and housing inspections.

According to former City Councilman Billy Scruggs, the creation of the conservation zones stemmed from a handful of tenants "believed to be students, who were being a nuisance."

Scruggs described the city's response as "one-size-fits-all." He said he can see why students believe they are being alienated by the city.

He said that the city and its residents' concern regarding property values may play a role in the city's stringent code enforcement.

Jenna Casebolt '08 and Kelly Flanagan '08, whose home was cited for code violations last year for having debris in their backyard, agree with Scruggs' assessment.

"I can understand the city's position on trying to keep the city tidy," Casebolt said. "But when

it's out of sight and not a hazard ... I don't understand."

Mayor Jeanne Zeidler defended the conservation zones and rental inspections. She said the zones were selected based on their respective histories of high numbers of property maintenance cases.

She cited incidences at other college campuses, where student renters died in fires or from carbon monoxide poisoning due to poor conditions in their rental homes.

Zeidler mentioned a case in Williamsburg where an inspection revealed a gas leak that had gone undetected as an example of the program's importance to public safety.

"We want these houses to be safe and healthy," Zeidler said. "These inspections apply equally to student renters and others who rent in the [conservation] zones."

City landlord Gary Shelly '72

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Weather

Tuesday




High 61°
Low 38°

Wednesday



High 59°
Low 36°

Thursday



High 58°
Low 41°

Source: www.weather.com

Quote of the Week

“ Although I never regretted having my children, I did regret not obtaining an education. ”
— Kathleen Rose ’10 on the reason why she decided to come back to the College to earn her degree.
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News in Brief

Judge sends former College student’s case to grand jury

Last Thursday, a Williamsburg-James City County judge ruled in a preliminary hearing that there was enough evidence to send a former College student’s case to a grand jury.

Alexander Babansky, a Ukrainian doctoral student who was working on his second doctorate at the College, was charged in July with intent to distribute marijuana and conspiracy to distribute marijuana when police arrested him after he picked up a 10-pound package of marijuana mailed to him from Sacramento, Ca. According to police, Babansky said that he had mailed the package to himself.

Babansky claims that the package was mailed while on vacation as a favor to other international College students, and that he was not aware of the package’s contents.

Although prosecutors did not bring forth any evidence of Babansky having knowledge of its contents at the preliminary hearing, the judge still felt there was enough evidence to bring to a grand jury trial Nov. 21. However, the charge of conspiracy to distribute marijuana was dropped.

Former College employee arrested for credit card fraud

Friday, Taneka Thomas-Shelburne, resident of Newport News and former College employee, pleaded guilty to one count of credit card fraud.

She is accused of using a credit card belonging to the College to make 54 personal purchases. These included gas and insurance purchases, along with car and phone bill payments made between March and July of 2007 totaling \$3,541.

Though no longer employed by the College, Thomas-Shelburne had worked as an staff assistant in the Keck Lab since March 2006.

Sentencing for her case is set for May 20, 2008.

— By Isshin Teshima and Alisan VanFleet

By the Numbers

\$50 million

The donation required to get naming rights for the School of Arts and Sciences at the College, according to the Campaign for William and Mary website. Naming rights to William and Mary Hall go for \$25 million, while the cheapest option requires a \$10,000 donation to name an individual office in the theater or dance department.

3 percent

The proportion of North Americans’ caloric intake that comes from alcoholic beverages, according The National Geographic. In Europe, it is 5 percent.

6 percent

The estimated proportion of all humans who ever lived who are alive today. 6.4 billion people are alive today, compared to 106 billion who lived from 50,000 BC to present, according to National Geographic.

1,416,804

The number of members in the “1,000,000 Strong for Stephen Colbert” on Facebook, as of Monday afternoon when Colbert’s application to run as a Democrat in the South Carolina primary was rejected.

— by Jason Richmond and Maxim Lott



COURTESY PHOTO — WIKIPEDIA COMMONS

UW — Madison’s Business School is one of many schools that are offering their name to the highest bidder.

BEYOND THE BURG

Donors give to leave business school unnamed

University gains \$85 million to not name school for 20 years

By ISSHIN TESHIMA
Flat Hat Insight Editor

University of Wisconsin — Madison School of Business tried a different approach to fundraising and gained over \$85 million in donations last month.

After Michael Knetter, dean of the business school, failed to find a donor who would give \$50 million in order to have the school named after him or her, Knetter decided to find contributors willing to donate to not rename the school.

In the end, 13 alumni announced in October that they would collectively give \$85 million, the largest donation in UW-Madison’s history, to keep the business school from being named for the next 20 years.

“It is an unprecedented act of selfless philanthropy,” Senior Vice President for the American Council on Education Ter-

ry Hartle told The Associated Press. “It’s the most interesting development in philanthropy I’ve seen in the last year.”

The donors were all former School of Business students who each pledged at least \$5 million.

“It sends a message that people can band together for a common cause, and they don’t need a lot of recognition,” Ab Nicholas, a former Wisconsin basketball player and investment firm founder, said.

Many public universities, such as the University of Michigan, the University of Washington and even the College, have sold building and school names to individual bidders to make up for insufficient public tax support. Business schools are one of the biggest draws for donors, with most schools around the country already having been named after benefactors.

Knetter stated that the unique approach to fundraising was developed because he was bothered by the fact that one person would get the school named after him or her and that other donors would not. He also learned that the price of naming rights was increasing due to economic growth and that it is economically strategic to postpone naming the school. It is estimated that, after 20 years, the name will be worth around \$300 million.

The final pledge came from Milwaukee businessman Sheldon Lubar, after whom the business school at University of Wisconsin — Milwaukee is named.

“Someone told me, ‘You’re the only person in the United States that’s going to have two business schools named after you or not named after you,’” he said. “Well, that even makes it better, doesn’t it?”

This week in Flat Hat history

1929

Women were granted full access to dine at the Pocahontas Tea Room, part of the College Shop. In addition, a new afternoon and evening service started that would begin serving salads, sandwiches, toast, cake, pies, hot chocolate and coffee until 10 p.m.

1963

Ten members of the College faculty and student body served on the Williamsburg-James City County Joint Consolidation Study Commission. The commission handed in a report recommending that the city and the county should merge for practical reasons.

1974

Campus Police reported that since the beginning of the semester, between 15 to 20 signs regulating moving traffic had vanished. In addition, Campus Police said that they were in the midst of a uniform changeover and several officers had to work in plainclothes until new uniforms arrived.

1995

Brothers from the Sigma Nu house roasted a whole pig as part of their Homecoming celebration. Improper placement of the pig on the grill resulted in a grease fire that engulfed the entire pig and set off fire alarms in Unit K. The Williamsburg Fire Department responded and put out the fire. They then informed the brothers about proper pig-roasting technique.

— by Sarah Hays

STREET BEAT

Who’s the hottest professor at the College?



Gene Nichol, hot to trot.



I haven’t met that many yet, so I don’t know yet.



All my professors are women.



Well Professor Haulman is pretty hot. I mean, he’s a little up there, but he’s got a Porsche.

Findlay Parke ’11

Jennifer Stoltz ’11

Roo Harrigan ’11

Janelle Ramus Jones ’10

— photos and interviews by Beau Blumberg

CITY POLICE BEAT

Oct. 26 to Nov. 4

Friday, Oct. 26 — A white male was arrested for a hit and run violation on the 900 block of Richmond Road. **1**

Tuesday, Oct. 30 — A white male was

arrested on the 100 block of Merrimac Trail for fraud. **2**

— A black male was arrested on the 100 block of Jamestown Road for driving with

a suspended license and for having an expired inspection sticker. **3**

Friday, Nov. 2 — A white female was arrested on the 200 block of Merrimac Trail for driving with a suspended license. **4**

— A black female was arrested on the 500 block of Henderson Street for driving with a suspended license. **5**

— A white male was arrested on South Henry Street at College Landing Park for possession of marijuana and for trespassing on a city park. **6**

Saturday, Nov. 3 — A black male was arrested on the 3000 block of Richmond Road for distribution of marijuana. **7**

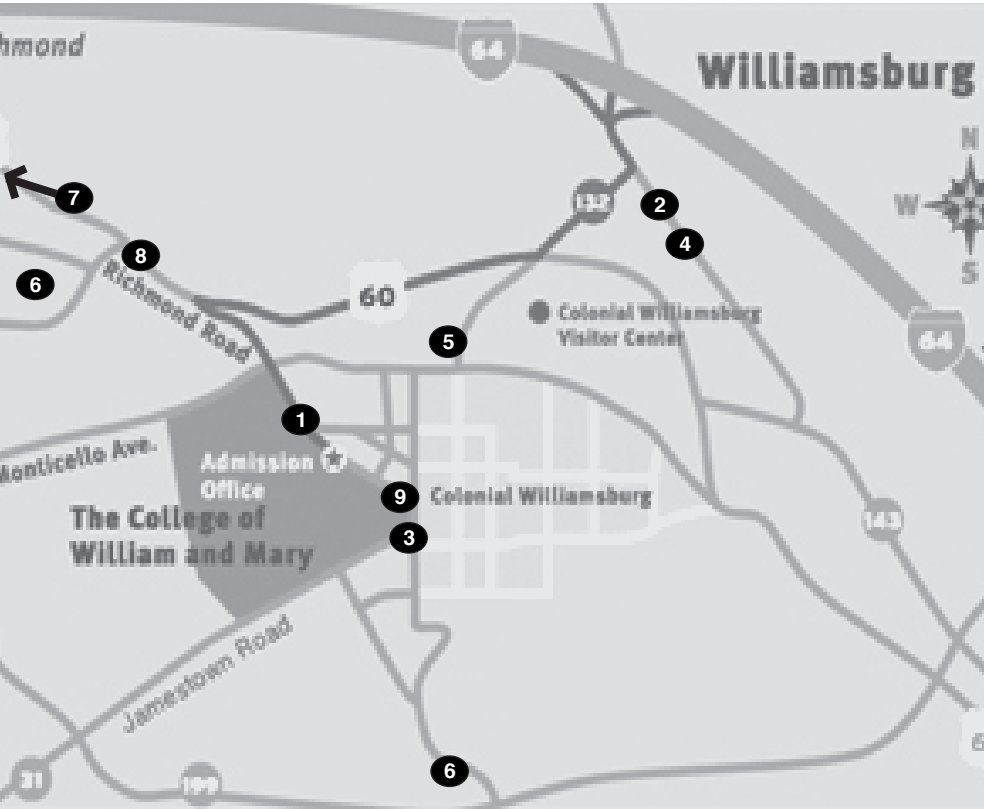
— A white female was arrested on the 1600 block of Richmond Road for a domestic disturbance, being drunk in public and for disorderly conduct. **8**

— A white male was arrested on the 1600 block of Richmond Road for being drunk in public. **8**

— A white male was arrested on the 100 block of Jamestown Road for driving while intoxicated and for improper passing. **3**

Sunday, Nov. 4 — Two white males were arrested on the 100 block of Richmond Road for being drunk in public. **9**

— Compiled by Sarah Hays



CAMPUS PERSPECTIVES

‘Prime Tribe’ adds diversity to College

By ALEX GUILLÉN
Flat Hat Assoc. Reviews Editor

Prime Tribe, or non-traditionally aged students, provide the College with an underrepresented form of diversity — age.

For some non-traditionally aged students, service to their country came before an education.

Tom Jones ’09 was a Marine for several years before attending the College under the support of the GI Bill, the Marine Corps College Fund and his wife. Despite all the financial support, Jones still works part-time at the Marketplace to help pay bills.

“It’s a lot, but it’s easier to handle now that I’m a little older and more disciplined,” he said.

Dana Clay ’08 is a 27-year-old Air Force veteran currently attending the William and Mary in Washington program. She feels that military and real world working experience have better equipped her for success.

Many non-traditional students return to the College in hopes of advancing their career opportunities.

“When people ask me what I plan on doing with my degree, my usual response is double my income,” Kathy Eggers ’09 said.

Beth Henry ’09 came to the College looking forward to a “life outside of children.”

“I went to college when I was 18, but played much more than studied and then got married. I had five children and when the [last] one was in high school, I decided to go back and finish a degree,” she said.

Other students have found their children to be a source of inspiration.

“One of the most important reasons for going back to school is because I didn’t want to say to my children that they must go to college if I had not done it for myself,” Lara Overy ’08 said.

Cheryl Frankum ’08 said that her four children support her and that she keeps a Tuesday through Thursday class schedule to minimize her time away from home.

“They are particularly fascinated with meeting

mommy’s professors,” she said.

There are many students for whom the College is their first higher education experience.

“I was a child of the ’50s [when] women were encouraged to marry young and have children, so that is what I did,” Kathleen Rose ’10 said.

Rose, a part-time art history major, went back to school to serve as a role model for her children and grandchildren.

“It is important to me to be a role model to my children and grandchildren by pursuing a college education at my age,” she said. “I know I illustrate the power of determination, imagination, courage and hope not only to my family but to my fellow co-workers as well.”

Most non-traditionally aged students say they have had fairly good experiences fitting into the College community.

“Most of the time kids don’t even pay attention to me, in the sense that I’m ‘different’ than they are,” Katrina Kochan ’09 said. “They treat me just like I’m their age.”

Neil Riley ’08 came to the College after leaving the Army in 2006, and his freshman year pledged Lambda Chi Alpha.

“Everyone usually jokes and laughs about it, sometimes calling me ‘Blue,’” Riley said, referring to an elderly pledge in the 2003 comedy “Old School.” “It doesn’t really bother me though.”

Besides attending classes, many older students attend campus events with their families.

“During orientation weekend, I brought my son with me. It turned out to be a very inspiring weekend for him, and he’s now setting his sights on [the College] in 2014,” Eggers said.

While students appreciate the experience, they believe there are ways the College could improve.

“I would love to see the traditional student body being more welcoming [of non-traditional students], particularly as more and more of us are realizing that you can’t make it anymore without a degree, and more and more of us are returning to school to pursue our education,” Eggers said.

“Aren’t we ‘Prime Tribers’ part of that diversity too?”

Election to decide GA control

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legal information about their voting rights.

If the Democrats retake the Senate, it will give Gov. Timothy Kaine more leverage to push his programs, such as environmental protection, pre-kindergarten programs and changing the state’s mental-health system.

“Being able to get a lot of great things done over the next couple of years is at stake,” Kaine told the Post. “Having legislators more defined by what they want to accomplish rather than what they oppose — that’s why I’m so energized by this election.”

Voter turnout in off-year elections has been historically light due to of the lack of statewide and national candidates.

Regardless of precedent, a prevailing force in this year’s elections has been their high costs — and their ruthlessness.

“Whatever the November elections foretell about the outcome of 2008 races, they’ve already established one likely precedent; These have been the most expensive, and some would say nastiest, ever,” according to Margaret Edds, a columnist for the Virginian-Pilot. “That’s an omen, just not a promising one.”

Former SA Pres. runs for office

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faculty, administration and students was tremendously helpful.

I had to have two surgeries. I spent five weeks at the naval hospital in Portsmouth and had students from William and Mary visiting me in Portsmouth everyday. This was before the Monitor-Merrimac tunnel was built too, so you had to go around.

FH: Was it a life-changing experience?

Jost: Definitely. For one, it brought me closer to my family. My father, who was not a religious man, said he went to the chapel to pray for me there and I knew that meant a lot coming from him.

FH: Was there a particular class or teacher at the College who made an impact on you?

Jost: Tom Graves, the president of the school, and Jim Livingston, a professor of religion and the dean of the undergraduate program, had a great impact on me, because when I interacted with them, I was treated as an equal.

They listened to me with respect even when we disagreed on certain things. Once I was quoted in The Flat Hat and I said “My goal is to make William and Mary a better place to go to school,” and Tom Graves wrote me, “That is our goal as well.” That stayed with me. Dr. Graves also sent me three hand-written notes

when I was in the hospital, and it meant a lot to me that here he was, the president of the College, and a very busy man, yet he took the time to actually sit down with a pen and paper and write to a student — three times.

FH: You were President of the Student Association at William and Mary. Did that affect your decision to get involved in politics?

Jost: Well, from the time I was a little boy I always felt like I could make an impact. Of course, the older you get, the less idealistic you are, but I still think if I put enough effort into it, I can still make a difference.

Student wins Jefferson Award for Public Service

By MEGAN O’MALLEY
Flat Hat Staff Writer

Local news station WAVY-TV 10 presented the Jefferson Award for Public Service to Daniel Key ’08 Oct. 26.

The award recognized Key for his service to the Williamsburg community.

Key said that there are 10 winners every year from the WAVY-TV 10 viewing area, and he was one of three college students among the WAVY-TV 10 winners for this year.

According to a William and Mary News release, Key’s service activities include Housing Partnerships, Inc., Circle K International, the Service Leader Corps, spring break service trips, summer service and the Bequia Sunshine Project, as well as working in the Office of Student Volunteer Services. Key also said that he is involved with the

Community Service Leaders.

During spring break of his freshman year, Key went to Atlanta, Ga. through a now-defunct organization called Help Unlimited; sophomore year, he went to Bay St. Louis, Miss. with Project Relief; for his junior year spring break, he co-led a service trip to Biloxi, Miss.

Key said that he was required to do 40 hours of service during every year in which he attended his private high school. Key cited his current roommate’s involvement in service from the beginning of his time at the College, as well as his own participation in the Atlanta spring break service trip during his freshman year as how he became involved in service while at the College.

“A big part of service for me is looking at the why, too; not just looking at the situation, but also looking at why the situation is occurring and what can I do to

change that,” Key said.

Over winter break, Key will participate in his first international service trip with the Bequia Sunshine Project. On the trip to the Caribbean island Bequia the volunteers will paint a local high school and tutor kids.

As for his plans for after graduation, Key said that he has been mostly looking at one-year service positions, such as AmeriCorp. He has also applied to work on a sustainable farm in Vermont for six months.



COURTESY PHOTOS — ERIN ZAGURSKY
Daniel Key ’08

Grad students receive enviro grants

By MARIA MOY
Flat Hat Staff Writer

College graduate students Ryan Burdge ’08 and Jonathan Holley ’08 recently received grants for their research projects from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and the Virginia Environmental Endowment, respectively.

Burdge’s research focuses on the health of bluebirds living near pesticide-treated golf courses and Holley is researching stormwater management practices, according to a College press release.

“I’ve always been interested in how human landscapes could be incorporated into wildlife conser-

vation efforts,” Burdge said.

He is specifically interested in the quality of life of Eastern bluebirds on golf courses. He will monitor the bluebirds’ breeding success and determine if and how the birds are ingesting pesticides.

Burdge is building on research conducted by former College graduate student Dr. Dan Cristol, his advisor. Burdge received a total of \$27,500 for his research. He needs the funds for pesticide analysis, field supplies, travel costs and research stipends.

Holley said that his research on the effectiveness of stormwater retention ponds was prompted by a previous job where he inspected retention ponds in North Carolina.

Retention ponds retain and treat stormwater runoff before channeling it into local streams.

Stormwater runoff can carry pollutants that may cause serious damage to streams.

“Stormwater management ... has outpaced the science; the levels of water quality improvement associated with retention ponds are for the most part unknown,” Holley said.

Holley’s grant was \$15,400. The money will go to purchasing lab equipment, field equipment and water samplers for analysing water samples for pollutants.

Burdge and Holley will both graduate from the College’s Master of Science program in 2008.

Capt. Anna Morgan, MD
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Arts classes give more ‘A’s

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Overall, ‘A’s comprised 45 percent of undergraduate grades, while “B”s made up 33 percent. About 12 percent of all grades awarded were lower than a ‘B.’ Strikwerda said that this distribution, with a high number of ‘A’s and ‘B’s in the spring semester, tracks closely with the gradual increase in incoming freshmen’s high school GPAs and test scores.

For Strikwerda, the College’s grades reflect the increasingly competitive and “highly gifted” student body.

“We think of ourselves as having less grade inflation than other universities. National data supports that grade inflation is significantly lower in public universities,” he said.

Many of the highest averaging departments are in the per-

forming and visual arts. Music Department Chair James Armstrong attributes this to the fact that there are auditions for every applied music course.

“You don’t exactly have to audition to get into an economics class,” he said. “The capacity and skill level of [music] students is already relatively high, so it stands to reason that a majority of the students tend to do better.”

Armstrong said that there are both academic and performance courses offered in music and the other art departments.

“Boiling things down supports uniformity, which isn’t always the case,” Armstrong said. “Invariably there are different grading schemes, class structures and styles.”

Department size also contributes to differences in GPA.

Government and history, two of the largest departments, fell in the lower third of the average GPA ranges.

Unlike many other departments, government gave more ‘B’s than ‘A’s, while history gave out an almost equal number of both.

Religion was one of the only other humanities departments to award fewer ‘A’s than ‘B’s.

At the other end of the spectrum, everyone who took a film class in the spring semester received a ‘B’ or better.

In every department, the number of ‘F’s received made up less than 4 percent of the total grades awarded.

Economics had the highest failure rate, with 3.6 percent of students receiving ‘F’s. Three departments awarded no ‘F’s: writing, Chinese and women’s studies

Under the M C R S C O P E

SHENANDOAH NATIONAL PARK: AN ECOLOGIC AND GEOLOGIC MARVEL

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FLAT HAT SCIENCE COLUMNIST



From the beaches of the Atlantic Ocean to the towering Blue Ridge Mountains, Virginia has a wealth of diverse landscapes that can suit almost anyone’s desire to see the great outdoors.

One of the most ecologically and geologically interesting places in Virginia rests within the boundaries of the Shenandoah National Park, situated in the Blue Ridge Mountains. The park is surrounded by the Shenandoah River and Valley to the west and the Virginia Piedmont to the east.

The Shenandoah National Park hosts a rich geological history, which explains the way the Appalachian Mountains formed.

According to the National Park Service, 1 to 1.2 billion years ago, tectonic plates collided to form the Grenville Mountain range in the area where the Appalachian Mountains now stand.

Around 570 million years ago, tectonic plates moved apart and lava began to flow, erupting at rift zones along the surface.

The lava flows that exuded from the rift zones formed the Catoctin Formation, creating broad, rolling plains similar to those found around Big Meadows in the Shenandoah National Park. The

original lava flows were originally composed of basalt.

As they metamorphosed, they became richer in chlorite and epidote, and then became greenstones, which cap many peaks in the park. These greenstones produce jagged cliffs composed of very fine grains. The rocks tend to be of a light gray to rusted red color, but if freshly exposed, they appear green.

Sedimentary rocks in the park belong to a rock group known as the Chilhowee Group. This group is broken into three formations: the Weverton formation, composed of early river deposits; the Hampton formation, composed of lagoonal deposits; and the Erwin formation, which created beach sand.

The North American and African tectonic plates eventually collided with each other, fracturing the sea floor and causing the older metamorphic rock to tilt upward and slide under the younger sedimentary rock. This event created the Appalachian Mountains.

Over the past 250 million years, wind and water have eroded the Appalachian Mountains, transforming them from the jagged peaks of their initial formation to the rounder peaks common today.

Whether you are interested in the complexity of the ecology and the geologic formations of the Appalachian Mountains or would prefer to simply hike or camp around them, the Shenandoah National Park offers a chance for everyone to explore the beauty and wonder of the Appalachian Mountains.

Rental inspections criticized

RENTAL *page 1*

called the current program a “travesty.”

Shelly said that the city used the Rental Inspection Program as a tool to find student violations of the three-person rule. Shelly added that the city requirements that call for an inspection every time a house changes tenants are excessive.

Stanley Skinner, the new codes

compliance administrator, said as long as there are no complaints of infractions, there won’t be any problems for renters.

James Banton, an inspector for the city, said some of the more common infractions were peeling paint, broken windows and gutter problems.

Flanagan and Casebolt said that although they had done their best to keep their yard neat, they were still cited by the city for

blight conditions.

“It’s an older property,” Casebolt said. “And we couldn’t afford to get gardeners or contractors.”

Zeidler defended the regulations.

“Chipped paint is aesthetic, but it allows moisture to get into the building, which leads to mold,” Zeidler said. “Also, children can eat the paint chips. So it all really falls under health and safety.”

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STAFF EDITORIALS

Gazette report misleads

The Flat Hat is disappointed at the lack of journalistic responsibility shown by the Virginia Gazette this week.

A Nov. 3 article by Susan Roberston contains gross inaccuracies pertaining to the ongoing story of e-mail correspondence between former College President Timothy Sullivan and current President Gene Nichol. The author irresponsibly asserts that Nichol lied to alumni and students without proper proof or research.

We are further disappointed by the fact that the author bases much of her argument on stories and reporting previously published in The Flat Hat. We certainly are not opposed to other newspapers utilizing our research and reporting, but a journalist at a professional newspaper misrepresenting our work is unacceptable.

The Gazette implies that Nichol was aware that James McGlothlin ’62 J.D. ’64 had decided to withhold a \$12 million pledge to the College five days before Nichol notified alumni via e-mail that the Campaign for William and Mary had reached its \$500 million goal. The Gazette bases this conclusion on previous Flat Hat reports, but it seems the author misinterpreted

dates, leading her to misconstrue our reporting.

Many alumni and groups advocating Nichol’s removal have argued that he did make such an announcement after being made aware of McGlothlin’s decision, but these allegations have not yet been proven. A professional journalist making the same accusation without confirming dates and sources is irresponsible and lazy.

If The Flat Hat’s FOIA request produces the e-mails in question, it is likely that a solution to this ongoing debate will be reached. There may have been a breakdown in communication, or Nichol may have misinterpreted an e-mail warning from Sullivan or another concerned individual.

In any event, until the truth is revealed, all people and groups concerned — particularly newspapers that are bound to principles of journalistic integrity — would be wise to do sufficient research and think independently before making accusations. Such shoddy journalism undermines the task facing the Board of Visitors and gives those who practice responsible reporting a bad name.

Local voting a must

Today is election day, and students at the College must remember and celebrate their civic duties.

Although incumbent Republican Senator Thomas Norment, Jr. is running unopposed in the 3rd District, and it may seem that voting locally will not have a significant impact on the outcome of the Virginia General Assembly, students should nonetheless recognize today’s importance.

City council elections will come this May, and it is imperative that students are familiar

with the voting process and aware of the locations of nearby polling stations. We must be enthusiastic enough about inspiring change to vote when the time comes.

Hostile and discriminatory policies implemented by the city of Williamsburg have disenfranchised student voters for years. The efforts of student leaders and the arrival of a more student-friendly voter registrar have paid off. Now, students have moved on from simply wanting the right to vote here; we have it, and we must use it.

The Flat Hat welcomes submissions to the Opinions section. Letters to the Editor and Opinions columns are due at 5 p.m. Sunday for publication the following Tuesday and at 5 p.m. Wednesday for the following Friday. All submissions must be typed and double-spaced, and must include the author’s name, telephone number and any relevant titles or affiliations with campus or national groups. Letters may be no more than 300 words; columns may not be less than 500 words nor more than 700. Letters must be e-mailed to opinions@flathatnews.com. The Flat Hat reserves the right to edit all material. Because of space limitations, The Flat Hat may not publish all submissions. The Flat Hat Editorial Board meets before each issue to discuss the position taken by editorials. Unsigned editorials are written by a designated member of the Editorial Board. All Board editorials reflect the consensus of the Editorial Board. Letters, columns, graphics and cartoons reflect the view of the author only.

Nichol wrongly accused

Devan Barber
FLAT HAT STAFF COLUMNIST



Word on the street is that the thought police have taken over our College community.

With the advent of the new bias reporting system, there have been some intense reactions to the administration’s Orwellian approach to promoting diversity and protecting students from hate and bias.

While it doesn’t seem like most current students care much about this system (or, frankly, know that it exists), the anti-Gene Nichol movement appears to have adopted this issue as its latest outrage in the crusade against our president.

To be fair, I agree with the complaints launched against “bias reporting.” While the spirit behind this type of system may be genuine, the right to free speech is one that should very rarely (if ever) be impeded upon. The administration has no right to prevent individuals or groups from speaking their minds, even if what they say may be perceived as offensive. The right to free speech, as critics have pointed out, must be valued over protecting someone from offense.

The problem is, the complaints lodged against the College’s bias reporting system are completely irrelevant. Based on the recent Flat Hat advertisement and the group that sponsored it (FreeAmericasAlmaMater.org), you’d think the administration had waged war on all controversial viewpoints and aimed to erase the exchange of ideas from Williamsburg.

In truth, the bias reporting website states very explicitly that, “because the expression of an idea or point of view may be offensive or inflammatory to some, it is not necessarily a bias-related incident. William and Mary values freedom of expression and the open exchange of ideas and, in particular, the expression of controversial ideas and differing views that is a vital part of civil discourse.” Seems pretty reasonable.

Okay, so the school still wants to protect free speech in theory, but what about determining what is an act of “hate” or “bias” and what is not? Critics have implied that an individual could report bias and ruin someone’s reputation over petty, personal matters. Again, the school’s website explains clearly that “the Reporting

System does not create a new category of prohibited behavior or a new process for members of the College community to be sanctioned. Any report would be handled in accordance with existing staff, student and faculty policies and procedures.” So no new rules against “hate” or “bias” have been created, and no attempt to censor free speech seems to be propagated. It appears, then, that this horrifying “bias reporting system” is nothing more than a glorified suggestion box.

One might wonder, then, what’s the big deal? Well, it seems to me that the anti-Nichol movement on (and off) this campus has reached new heights of ferocity. I will be the first to say that they may be right — maybe Nichol hasn’t been a good president, and maybe we shouldn’t renew his contract. The problem is that absolutely no constructive discussion about him has been allowed to take place because those that oppose him are so rabid in their convictions. Linking Nichol to the “1984”-esque system to squash

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free speech is simply one more outlandish accusation in a yearlong history of anti-Nichol yelping.

Obviously, the Wren cross issue was Nichol’s decision, but I still maintain that it was blown out of proportion. And what about the removal of our feathers? The Sex Workers’ Art Show? And now the new anti-American, Constitution-hating “bias reporting” system? Let’s be honest, the attempts to link Nichol to anything remotely negative are getting ridiculous.

There are those affiliated with the College who, at this point, will seek to vilify Nichol in any way possible. It seems that they are so entrenched in their desire to oust him that they can’t see how their extremist reactions and twisting of reality only serve to undermine the very cause for which they fight for.

To put it bluntly, I don’t know whether I think Nichol’s contract should be renewed or, in fact, whether the bias reporting system is a good idea or not, but I do know that the outlandish, desperate nature of the attacks coming from the anti-Nichol movement only make me question their validity.

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BY OLIVIA WALCH, FLAT HAT CARTOONIST

Nichol websites questionable

Per Hoel
FLAT HAT GUEST COLUMNIST



Should College President Gene Nichol stay, or should he go? Two websites stand diametrically opposed in their positions: ShouldNicholBeRenewed.org and IHeartNichol.com. I examined both strategies, and I attack both.

Let me begin with the opposition, SNBR, whose creators remain nameless and will henceforth be referred to as “the authors.”

Simply put, the content on the website is slanderous and slanted. It belies mostly irrelevant or incomplete facts in a way that tastes bitterly of the shallow, sensationalist political ads of late.

For example, the site summarizes two Virginia Gazette articles in this way: “Nichol was removed as Commencement speaker at Walsingham Academy ... Writes attack letter against Sisters of Mercy.” Nichol’s “attack” in the article is nothing more than a claim that Walsingham’s officials did not clearly explain that it was the school’s decision to uninvite Nichol, despite an earlier offer to withdraw. He did accuse them of a breach, but of what significance is that? Surely the Sisters of Mercy aren’t immune to criticism.

At most, this point leaves some unanswered, though uninteresting, questions to be discussed. Seemingly, the authors would disagree and leave the issue as a poor attempt to rally me to their side by reporting on Nichol’s vicious assault on the defenseless Sisters of Mercy.

Some of the facts on the site aren’t even all that hard-hitting: “The Fund for William and Mary has not reached its goal the past two years — Gene Nichol years. The goal last year was \$5 million and Nichol raised only \$4.77 million. This year the goal was \$5.2 million and he raised only \$5.03 million.” Taken out of context, these numbers are without much meaning. If the figures did represent a significant loss, shouldn’t the authors in question perhaps have explained their significance, rather than relying on my having an immediate, negative reaction to such a deviation?

I also chose to research a claim about Nichol’s stay as dean of the law school at the University of Colorado. On a page where the authors “summarize” Nichol’s prior record, they state that in 1996, the year after he had left, “the Law School was threatened with losing their accreditation by the ABA.” Then I discovered an article entitled “Law and disorder” by Cheryl Nedderman of the Colorado Daily. In it, she wrote, “Earlier this

year [2003], the [ABA] threatened to take away accreditation from the law school ... if it didn’t update its building and hire more tenured faculty to achieve compliance with the standards outlined by the organization.”

It came to light that for the seven years between 1996 and the article’s publication, the law school’s accreditation was threatened almost exclusively due to sub-standard building requirements, compounded by state financial problems. Nowhere is Nichol’s former role as the law school’s dean mentioned as a cause of the trouble, nor is any reason given for thinking Nichol was at fault for the ABA’s threat.

The authors should be ashamed and embarrassed by the caliber of the “facts” they have brought to bear on this debate. I suggest on an honest, personal level that these people take a long, hard look at what they understand to be objective facts, as well as how they reason. As

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an aside to the authors, you are legitimately misguided if you think that the information on your site isn’t grossly misrepresented and doesn’t reek of concentrated bias.

If there is anything to be taken seriously on the website, it is the statistics. cursory research suggested to me that at least some of them, while in cases exaggerated, are correct. Taking the site’s statistics as true, it seems that the University of North Carolina — Chapel Hill’s law school rankings fell significantly during Nichol’s tenure. It appears true that the College’s application rate has dropped. These numbers and others like them raise questions that should be addressed. The question becomes, “Who will answer them?”

Enter IHeartNichol.com. It succeeds in rallying a strong show of student support. However, declarations such as “He’s our tribe pride leader and demonstrates it by supporting us 100 [percent]” or pointing out that he comes to football games don’t address any of the accusations currently leveled against the president.

Singing the praises of a man’s charisma and affability in the face of charges that he is failing at the duties he has undertaken is something like trying to fight fire with smiles.

Nichol supporters, your president is under fire. If you really heart him, then consider that you may have to do more than smile and wear a button to save him.

Per Hoel is a senior at the College.

Letter to the Editor

Sign the PCC To the Editor:

Since last spring, students have been campaigning for College President Gene Nichol to sign the President’s Climate Commitment. The PCC is an agreement that would dedicate the College to achieving carbon neutrality and environmental sustainability. This is an important step in creating an environmentally friendly campus. In a recent study, the Sustainable Endowments Institute gave the College a ‘D-’ in campus sustainability. Abiding by the PCC would improve our environmental efforts immensely.

Despite its acceptance and support among the College community, Nichol has yet to sign the PCC. After receiving a positive recommendation from the Landscape, Environment and Energy Committee, Nichol went to the Faculty Assembly for its opinion. Each day the College spends debating over the PCC is a day it spends emitting unnecessary amounts of carbon into the atmosphere.

The PCC already has overwhelming student support. Students were the driving force behind the campaign and have dedicated large amounts of time and energy to the effort. They compiled hundreds of pages of information on the PCC and created plans for achieving its goals. 1,517 students signed a petition supporting the PCC. The faculty also supports the PCC, with 306 faculty and staff members signing the petition. Those who the PCC affects the most are some of its strongest supporters.

I would like to see the delays and deliberations stop and have Nichol sign the PCC. The College is a leader in higher education and should be leading the environmental movement. 424 schools have already signed the PCC. Implementing it may not be easy, but it is necessary. We need to strengthen our commitment to environmental sustainability and move into the new era of green campuses.

— Lauren Edmonds ’11

VARIETY

Fitting the mold: gay at the College

The Flat Hat's sex columnist queries one gay student about his personal homosexuality

By EMILY POWELL
Flat Hat Staff Writer

What does it mean to be gay? Recently, I got a chance to talk with a member of the college's queer community. We discussed everything from religion to family to society.

Some topics made me blush, others made me laugh, but all made me think deeper about both the differences and the similarities between the heterosexual and homosexual communities.

My contributor wished to remain anonymous, because he did not want to be misconstrued as attempting to represent all gay men. This reflection is a look at the views of one self-identified queer man.

First, I wanted to know about his background and sexuality. Although, he couldn't pinpoint an exact moment when he realized he was gay, by the time he was 12, he knew. He is fully out of the closet now, and said that there really aren't people around him who object to his life. He did add that his grandmother accepts his homosexuality, but discourages him from partaking in the flamboyancy with which society has stereotyped the lifestyle. She wants him to have a shot at normalcy.

"You can be gay," she once said. "But just don't act like it."

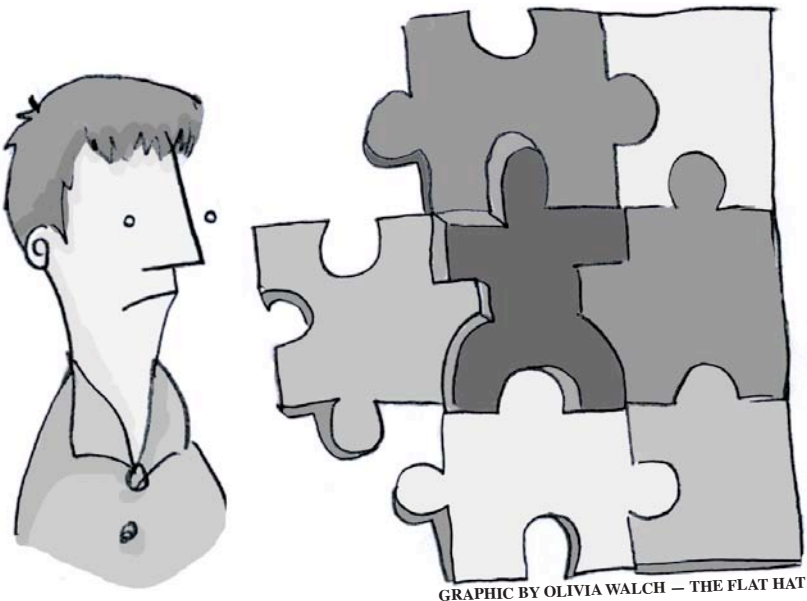
There are several preconceived notions that haunt gay men. Many times straight guys appear to fear gay men because they think they will come on to them. He found this idea ludicrous. "Being gay doesn't mean I lose my type or my taste," he said.

Some misconceptions go even further. He said that a number of people wrongly associate homosexuals with pedophiles.

Next, we discussed the concept of family. He doesn't like the idea of being married, and com-

mented that it seems like gay men are trying "to fit into what society wants us to be." He doesn't go looking for relationships, but said he wouldn't avoid one either. He commented that the gay life can be "living a lonely life."

In the past, being gay has meant living in the margins; now gay men are assimilating into the same types of life patterns as heterosexual couples, including having children. While chil-



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dren supposedly detract from the perceived plus sides of the homosexual lifestyle — freedom and fun — my contributor said he would like to have a child, although he feels a partner would not be in the picture.

I wondered how raising a child in a homosexual household would differ from that of a married couple.

"If I [saw] a four-year-old wearing a dress, I wouldn't stop him," he said. "I feel I would be very accepting of whatever life he chose, but I [would] worry about his life." Specifically, he said he would be concerned about how other children would perceive his child if they learned he had a gay father. "Would he blame me for liv-

ing with this?"

According to him, the future is a scary prospect for a gay man. "Gay men are in love with the idea of relationships," he said. In his hometown, the gay community is stereotypical — the partying, the hooking up, the freedom. He knows of gay couples that have long-term relationships, but they seek outside companionship because their sex life goes flat. Unlike in heterosexual "cheating," these men gladly invite the variety into their bedroom with the approval of their partner.

My contributor didn't think he could do that, because in his mind being in a true relationship means faithfulness to your partner both emotionally and physically.

Williamsburg has opened his eyes to a whole other side of homosexuality, where monogamy takes center stage. Though he found this side less exciting than what he's used to, he takes a "to each his own" attitude toward it.

Faith and sexuality are very interesting topics to me, so I was curious as to how important faith is in his life, and whether it clashes with his sexuality. He was raised Catholic, and still considers himself a Catholic, though he doesn't attend mass regularly.

"I believe in God and most of the teachings of the church. I think some of the social aspects are far behind."

He admitted that during confession he edges around his homosexuality, simply stating, "I do things with guys." There is still a certain amount of embarrassment he feels in stating it directly, not as a gay man, but as a Catholic man talking to a priest.

The most interesting part of the interview was our chat about sex. I wanted to know whether he thinks there is a lack of positions available to gay men as compared to heterosexual couples. He laughed. "We're constricted by biology," he said. But when he listed his moves, he conveyed that it's not what you're born with, it's how you use it.

CONFUSION CORNER

Forgetting your first time

Dan Piepenbring
FLAT HAT COLUMNIST



Question: Do you remember the first time you used the internet?

It's been said that our generation is the first to be fully immersed in the Information Age. Indisputably, we depend on technology far more than our distant predecessors, but even our immediate antecedents weren't as tech-savvy as we are.

Compare, say, students circa 2000 to students circa 2007, and you'll find that we're markedly more reliant on electronic devices of all sizes and functions. Likewise, I'm sure the Class of 2018 will be "connected" in ways that will make us feel ancient and out of touch.

What's remarkable is that we haven't just grown up with the internet; the internet has grown up with us. When I was in fifth grade, the internet — at least as a tool for mass communication — was in its nonage. Now that I've matured (relatively), it has too (also relatively).

I've been struggling for the past few weeks to recall my first exposure, and despite my best efforts, I've come up empty-handed. Presumably it was sometime between 1995 and 1997. There must have been a discrete moment when some adult took me aside and said, "Dan: This is the world wide web. Take a look. We think it's going to be pretty big."

As a result of being introduced so early in our lives, we seldom think about the basic act of navigating through virtual space. We take the internet's structure — a series of pages, traversable via hypertext links — for granted. Back in the '70s and '80s, though, cyberculture theorists were abuzz with ideas as to how the internet might come to look and feel. Perhaps it would resemble reality; maybe it would be entirely text-based; corporations could dominate it.

The history of the medium is fascinating, but it's too complex to pursue without seriously violating my word limit. (In true Information Age style, I recommend that you read the Wikipedia entry "Information Age.")

During the past 15 years, roughly, the terminology and taxonomy has become daunting in and of itself. Capitalizing "internet" is passé; references to the "world wide web" are similarly antiquated, despite the fact that "www" is still a prefix for most major URLs; and if you so much as think the phrase "information superhighway," you might as well move into a cave and start using your cell phone and laptop as a makeshift mortar and pestle.

Despite the unprecedented growth of the web and our inability to function without it, few are able to remember how they got started. A friend of mine recalls feeling uneasy when an older relative designed a personal website for her. It had a pink background with a few other images, and it played a poor MIDI imitation of a hit song. The relative told her that everybody using the internet could view it whenever they liked. He thought this was the paragon of cool; my friend found it frightening.

Frightening, indeed: I perceived the nascent internet as a deviant, anarchic place. (But is it a "place," really? What does it mean to imagine it as such?)

Like many of my peers, I would go into chat rooms and pretend to be 18 or 19 — given the prominence of shorthand, it was easy to act older. But the warnings, even then, were myriad. Don't open any suspicious e-mails. Don't go to any unrecognizable websites. Don't speak to strangers or, if you do, don't tell them who you really are. Even in its comparative infancy, the virtual realm held threats that correlated with reality. The virus and the pervert, two of America's biggest fears, were alive and well in cyberspace. No one's identity could be verified, and the precepts of simulated selfhood became continually more amorphous. There was an underlying dread that the internet existed solely to deceive us.

Maybe that's why so few of us remember our inaugural experience: The thrill is gone. Like cars and airplanes, the internet feels safer now, and its increasing popularity will only make it more so.

It would be prudent, I think, to be skeptical of its grasp on us. Discerning whether we're captivated or enslaved by it might soon become impossible. After all, most of us are no longer posing as someone when we go online — another term whose expiration date is fast approaching. At present, we endeavor to be "ourselves" in the parallel universes of Facebook and AIM, and we're seldom (if ever) disconnected. I'm wary of any system that conflates the public and private spheres.

One request: If you can recollect your introduction to the web, please e-mail me at depiep@wm.edu. I'm interested in reading your stories. Our generation's relationship with technology is unprecedented in scope and complexity. The more aware of this we become, the more we stand to use it judiciously.

Dan Piepenbring is a Confusion Corner columnist. He may not remember his first time, but Facebook notifications remind him of everyone else's latest moves.

ARTS ON CAMPUS

Mystic Theatre capitalizes on communism

By CAMERON RUST
The Flat Hat

This fall, Mystic Theatre will present a mix of communist and socialist royalty plays from the 20th century.

The festival will include "He Who Says Yes" by Berthold Brecht, "The Corridors of the Soul" by Nikolai Evreinov, "Heartpiece" by Heiner Muller, selections from Muller's "Hamletmachine," as well as the poetry of Brecht.

For the past three years, Mystic Theatre has been one of many theater groups that work to advance the arts on campus. However, it is unique in that it seeks to enrich audiences with thought-provoking dramas and comedies, and it provides an outlet for emerging student playwrights and directors to present their work to a larger audience.

Mystic Theatre is completely student directed, acted and produced. According to Kaitlin Brunick '09, treasurer of the Mystic Theatre Executive Board and producer of the festival, "All [of the works] are written by communist or socialist authors, or authors affected by these movements. These plays are also heavily rooted in conventions that challenge the melodrama of

traditional theater."

Not only are these plays provocative in their viewpoint, but they also deviate from traditional theatrical form and structure.

"Since traditional communism thrives on the notion of revolution, we're trying to reflect that in what you'll be seeing on stage," Brunick said. "It is going to be very exciting, and we're hoping to challenge everything the audience will be expecting of a traditional theater performance."

Brandon Stewart '07 and Angelo Merenda '07 founded Mystic Theatre their sophomore year as a venue of expression for emerging directors, actors and playwrights. "We specialize in unusual and artistic forms of theater," Brunick said.

The shows are not selected or cast by their own members, but rather by members of the campus as a whole. The Mystic Theatre Executive Board receives ideas from artists on campus, and if the board finds the play to be harmonious with Mystic's ideals, they allow the director/playwright and his or her cast to use its resources.

Mystic Theatre normally performs one show per semester, but the number of shows can fluctuate depending on the number of proposals received. After a student has spent 10 hours on



LAUREN NELSON — THE FLAT HAT

Mystic Theatre presented the original musical comedy 'Tragedy!' last spring.

a Mystic production, they become a member.

Mystic Theatre has had a varied production history, with such shows as Edward Albee's "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" and "Tragedy!," an original musical comedy directed by Mike Johnson '09 that was selected to be performed at the New York Fringe Festival. The festival promises to be an evening of rebellious fun, with everyone having an equally good time ... equally.

The festival will be held in the

University Center Commonwealth Auditorium Monday Nov. 12 and Tuesday Nov. 13 at 8 p.m. Mystic Theatre decided to perform the show during the week to attract a bigger audience.

In the communist spirit of giving, Mystic Theatre will be giving away a number of free tickets via students' CSU boxes the week of the show. Otherwise, the tickets are \$3 and are available at the door. For more information, contact mystic@wm.edu.

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source: krazid.com

WINTER SPORTS PREVIEW

SPORTS IN BRIEF

FOOTBALL College blown out by no. 20 Hofstra, 38-14

The Tribe (4-5, 2-4 CAA) suffered a 38-14 loss at no. 20 Hofstra University (7-2, 4-2 CAA) Saturday. Hofstra quarterback Brian Savage had five total touchdowns (three passing, two rushing) while the Tribe had a season-high three turnovers. College quarterback Jake Phillips was held to a season-low 92 yards on 12 for 22 passing. Phillips also had an interception and two lost fumbles in the second half. The Tribe got off to a 7-0 early lead after a touchdown run by true freshman Terrance Riggins in his collegiate debut. However, the momentum was short lived as the Tribe found themselves in a 21-7 hole before the first quarter's end. The College's final home game is Saturday at 7 p.m. against James Madison University.

WOMEN'S SOCCER Tribe downs ODU, takes CAA regular season title

The Tribe (14-4-1, 9-1-1 CAA) won their second consecutive CAA regular-season title with a 4-1 over Old Dominion (7-8-2, 3-7-1 CAA). The Tribe has a first-round bye in the CAA tournament and awaits the winner of the VCU-UNC — Wilmington quarterfinal matchup. Sophomore Kellie Jenkins showed the way for the Tribe with two goals, including the game winner. Also notching goals for the Tribe were junior Dani Collins and freshman Kaitlin O'Connor. With the win, the College has won six games in a row and is 13-2-1 in their last 16 games.

MEN'S SOCCER College bests Delaware 1-0, posts ninth shutout

The Tribe (9-7-3, 6-3-1 CAA) earned a 1-0 victory over Delaware (3-12-2, 3-6-1 CAA) Sunday afternoon. Senior midfielder Ryan Overdevest scored his first goal of the season to get the College on the scoreboard, while the defense registered its ninth shut-out of the season. At the 61:26 mark, Overdevest headed a feed from sophomore forward Price Thomas into the upper right corner of the goal. The Tribe finishes their regular season hosting Old Dominion University Thursday at 7 p.m.

— By Andy Andrews.

SCOREBOARD

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
11/2 vs. M.I. Express — W, 90-42

MEN'S SWIMMING
11/3 vs. Drexel — W, 202-141
11/3 vs. George Mason — L, 178-169

WOMEN'S SWIMMING
11/3 vs. Drexel — W, 250-102
11/3 vs. George Mason — W, 212-141

VOLLEYBALL
11/2 @ VCU — L, 3-2

SCHEDULE

Tues., Nov. 6

MEN'S BASKETBALL
vs. Saint Andrews Presbyterian College (exhibition) — 7 p.m.

Thurs., Nov. 8

VOLLEYBALL
vs. Delaware — 7 p.m.

MEN'S SOCCER
vs. Old Dominion — 7 p.m.

Fri., Nov. 9

WOMEN'S SOCCER
CAA Tournament Semifinals*
VOLLEYBALL
vs. Towson — 7 p.m.
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
Campell at Elon Tournament**
WOMEN'S TENNIS
Kitty Harrison Invitational***
* Held in Virginia Beach
** Held in Elon, N.C.
*** Held in Chapel Hill, N.C.

Men's Swimming



Championship potential

At 2-3, a determined men's team looks to improve on a successful campaign last season after facing their toughest opponents early.

Currently 2-1 in CAA competition, the men appear confident in their ability to best last season's 4-2 dual meet record and fourth-place finish in the CAA Championships.

"We are definitely in position to contend for a conference title," new Head Coach Matt Crispino '02 said. Crispino brings both youth and experience, having swum for the Tribe in the past.

While the Tribe excels in sprint events like the 50-yard free and 400-yard IM relay, they struggle in endurance events like the 500 and 1,000 yard free, which no Tribe swimmer has claimed yet. However, Crispino's confidence does not appear misplaced, as the team returns 16 of their 20 swimmers.

"The leadership from the upperclassmen will be very important to our success this year," Crispino said.

Those leaders include two-time CAA runner up junior Jason Brisson (pictured above), whose 100-yard breaststroke time of one minute and 0.43 seconds has helped him pick up two wins on the season, junior Shawn Matthews, with four backstroke wins in six events and graduate student Nick Duda, who led his 200 and 400 relay teams to six victories, while tallying two individual wins in both 50 and 100 yard free.

Duda's dedication to the team's success is apparent. He returns for another season, in his fifth year at the College, with a hunger for the one thing that has evaded him all these years: a CAA Championship.

"This year's team has a real shot at taking home the conference title," Duda said. "We just need some big swims from everybody."

He expects to win every time he steps on the blocks, and rightly so. The two time CAA swimmer of the week picked up four victories in last week's meet at George Mason and made it to the finals in four events in last year's CAA Championship. It looks like he's off to a good start.

BY THE NUMBERS

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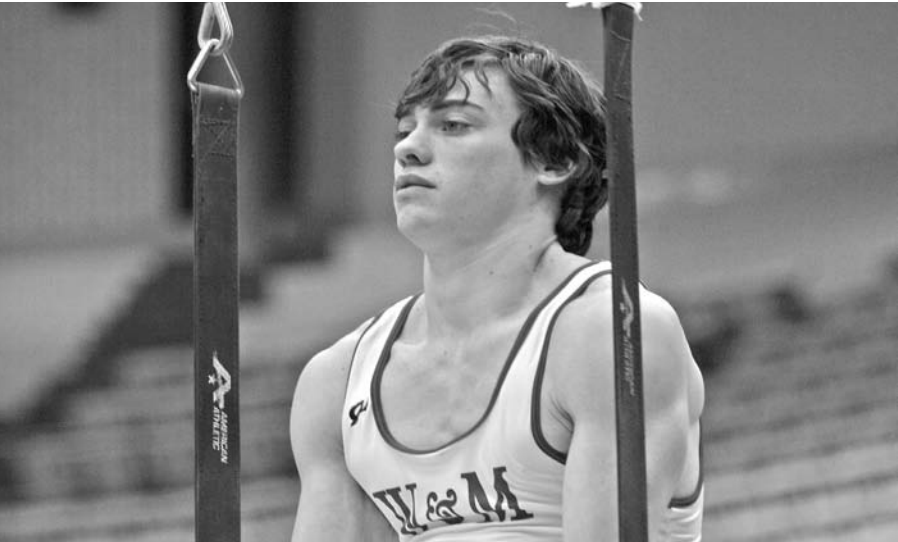
Total wins last season

7

Total wins from 2002-2005

Credits:
Written by Jack Pollock.
Photos: Brisson photo courtesy William and Mary Sports Information.

Men's Gymnastics



Attempting to meet high expectations

Last year the men's gymnastics squad won their 34th-consecutive Virginia State Championship, captured their seventh-straight USAG Collegiate National Team Championship, qualified nine individuals for the NCAA Championships and ended the year ranked 13th in the country — impressive numbers for any program. However, the Tribe expected more of itself.

"Last year the national title was satisfying but other than that we had a lot of injuries and we never really showed our full potential other than that one meet," senior Aaron Hunt said. "But I think we are going to have a lot of great individual performances this year, we have a big and talented freshmen class."

The Tribe will carry a no. 14 national ranking into its season opener Jan. 26 at the United States Naval Academy. Over the course of the next several months, they will look to improve on that position by several spots to push into the top 12 and qualify for the NCAA Championships as a team — a goal that last year's squad missed by one spot. The College's seniors would also like to win another USAG National title, while hopefully adding an ECAC Conference championship to their trophy case.

Capable hands oversee the squad, as Head Coach Cliff Gauthier is in his 34th year at the helm of the program. The team cites his steady leadership, which has earned an impressive eight national coach of the year selections, as a large part of their success.

At the competition level, a trio of seniors heads the team: Hunt (pictured above), Aaron Ingram and David Locke. Over the next two months, the three will look to mold the squad into a cohesive unit before the season begins.

"This year is about giving back to the team the best part of myself that it has given me," Ingram said.

Hunt expressed similar sentiments. "There's no next season to look forward to, so I have to make the most of it now."

The leaders will have much to work with, as the squad boasts a talent-laden junior class and sophomore standout Derek Gyax who will look to build on his 12th-place overall finish at the NCAA Championships.

Credits: Written by Matt Poms. Hunt photo courtesy of W&M Sports Info.

BY THE NUMBERS

14

Preseason national ranking

34

Years Head Coach Cliff Gauthier has headed the program

Women's Swimming

Matching last year's success

Led by sophomore wonder Katie Radloff (pictured above), who won six gold medals and the swimmer of the meet title at last year's CAA Championships, and new Head Coach Matt Crispino, the College's women's swim and dive team enter the season 2-3 overall and 2-1 CAA with the potential to successfully defend its CAA championship title.

Seven swimmers and two divers join the team this year, including a transfer from Florida State University, several state championship winners, two high school All-Americans and a state record holder.

Radloff won all three of her individual races, setting a pool record of 57.97 seconds in the 100-meter backstroke. Next, Radloff won five of her six individual races in the College's tri-meet against the University of North Carolina — Wilmington and North Carolina State University. The sophomore has qualified for the U.S. Olympic Trials in the 100-m backstroke, 100-m freestyle and 50-m free. For the first time in the College's history, a member of the Tribe competed in the Speedo Junior Nationals Olympic Trials, and to top it off, Radloff finished second in the 100-m free championship heat. This season, Radloff has already earned another CAA swimmer of the week award — the fourth such honor of her career.

Several other Tribe swimmers have also cruised to victories in the early season. Senior captain Meredith David gave a career performance in the Tribe's opening meet, sweeping the 200-m back with a finishing time of 2:07.42. This brings the senior to 38 collegiate victories — second in College history for career individuals wins. Junior Marina Falcone has 500-m and 1,000-m free wins, and sophomore Lindsay Guers became the seventh-fastest 200-m freestylist with a time of 1:54.92.

The Tribe will face tough competition from schools such as Johns Hopkins University, the University of Richmond and the University of Delaware, while swimming in the Terrapin Cup Invitational will give the Tribe a taste a multi-day competition before the CAA Championships in February. The College travels to the University of Maryland Nov. 15 for its next competition, the Terrapin Cup Invitational.

Credits: Written by Maggie Reeb. Photos: Radloff photo courtesy of William and Mary Sports Information.



Women's Gymnastics

Tough road ahead

There will be more than one reason to trek to Kaplan Arena this winter season. While Tribe basketball tends to draw the bigger crowds, the women's gymnastics team promises another exciting and highly competitive season. The Tribe returns a core group of athletes to help carry the momentum from last season's success.

One gymnast to note is senior Stevie Waldman (pictured below), who enters her final year on the team coming off a season that ended in high honors at the USAG Collegiate National Championship in April. She received a nomination for the First-Team USAG All-American honor for her 10th place finish in the floor competition. Before competing at the national level, Waldman also performed well on the bars at the regional level, earning the second-best qualifying score in the ECAC for the 2007 NCAA Southeast Regional Championship. Placing 28th in the event, Waldman continued her trend of scoring no less than 9.650 on bars for the majority of her competitions over last season. With such a successful career to date, Waldman looks to finish up her collegiate career strong during this competitive season.

Head Coach Mary Lewis has lined up a schedule including some of the top teams in the region, in addition to a few that are competitive at the national level.

"We are going to face some strong teams once again this year," Lewis said. "We will see some very good teams and a number of our ECAC rivals during the regular season."

The Tribe has scheduled several away meets during the early season, which Lewis hopes will bring the team together and strengthen the level of competition. While placing at the ECAC Championships is always a goal for the team, and one that is usually met, the Tribe hopes to continue its trend of being a force in the regional and national competitions.

The Tribe will preview their talent Dec. 6 at the Green & Gold Exhibition in Kaplan Arena.

Credits:
Written by Heather Ireland. Waldman photo courtesy of William and Mary Sports Information.



BY THE NUMBERS

1st

CAA title in program history, won in 2007

57.07

Radloff's Olympic Trials qualifying time in 100-m free

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Men’s Basketball

PROJECTED STARTERS

Nathan Mann, Senior, Guard

Averaged 9.1 points per game as a junior shooting 32.3 percent from three-point range. Mann will be expected to up his offensive production and provide sound ballhandling in the backcourt for a team lacking in depth at the guard positions.

David Schneider, Sophomore, Guard

Returns as the point guard for the Tribe. With a year of experience under his belt, Schneider should consistently give the College steady play at the point. He averaged 30.2 minutes per game last season and will likely be counted on to play more.

Laimis Kisielius, Senior, Forward

The College’s most versatile wing player averaged 11.3 points per game last season. He will need to play at a high level all season to provide the Tribe with an aggressive offensive option — much like Adam Payton last year.

Alex Smith, Junior, Forward

A summer filled with international basketball helped Smith achieve better fitness. The College will rely on him to play more minutes than last year and continue to assert himself on the offensive end in the paint.

Peter Stein, Senior, Forward

Started in 26 games last season while averaging 5.7 points and 3.2 rebounds per contest. Consistent and improved offensive production from Stein in the post will add a new dimension to the Tribe’s offense.

KEY BENCH CONTRIBUTORS

Chris Darnell, Junior, Forward

Made significant strides in the offseason and has established himself as one of the Tribe’s better wing players. Should provide the Tribe with another offensive option on the wing.

Kyle Carrabine, Senior, Guard

Saw an increased role as a junior playing in all 30 games. A streaky outside shooter who can give the Tribe a big lift off the bench if he’s hitting shots.

Danny Sumner, Sophomore, Forward

Took some time to adjust to the Tribe’s system as a freshman, but showed flashes of athleticism. Gives the Tribe another option on the wing.

Credits:
Written by Andrew Pike
Photos: Headshots courtesy of William and Mary Sports Information;
Smith photo by Alex Haglund, The Flat Hat



All home games played in Kaplan Arena

Head Coach: Tony Shaver (38-77 Tribe record)

Last season’s record: 15-15

Last season’s CAA record: 8-10

Looking to take the next step

The Tribe returns four starters from last year’s 15-15 squad, which finished 8-10 in the CAA. A strong contingent of upperclassmen gives the College a wealth of experience and familiarity with Head Coach Tony Shaver’s offensive and defensive styles.

Depth at the wing and post positions will provide the Tribe with diverse offensive and defensive options. Senior captains Nathan Mann and Laimis Kisielius lead the team on the wing, while fellow senior Kyle Carrabine, junior Chris Darnell and sophomore Danny Sumner will come off the bench to contribute. Mann and Kisielius are two proven scorers, but consistent offensive output from the trio of Carrabine, Darnell and Sumner must develop to support Mann and Kisielius.

At the post position, juniors Peter Stein and Alex Smith will see significant playing time, and the Tribe will count on them to increase their offensive production. The emergence of sophomore Steven Hess or freshman Marcus Kitts as reliable options off the bench will be important for spelling Stein and Smith in times of foul trouble and fatigue.

Sophomore point guard David Schneider returns from a strong freshman season which earned him CAA All-Rookie honors and will once again be relied upon to run the offense for the Tribe.

The returning experienced players give confidence to a Tribe squad that will be tested early and often. An improved conference from top to bottom will challenge the College and make replication or improvement of last year’s 8-10 CAA record difficult. That said, a solid eight-man rotation should provide Shaver and the Tribe an opportunity to build upon last year’s success. And after finishing eighth in the conference last season, being picked to finish ninth in the preseason CAA predictions should give the College extra motivation to exceed expectations again.



2007-2008 Schedule

Opening the season Nov. 10 against no. 5 Georgetown University and traveling to no. 21 North Carolina State University five days later gives the Tribe its toughest back-to-back opening games ever. The College last faced a top-five team Jan. 2, 2005 at the University of North Carolina — Chapel Hill, falling 105-66. Six of its first seven games are on the road with the lone home game coming Nov. 25 against Houston Baptist University, a team in its first year of transition from the NAIA to Division I basketball. The seven-game stretch also includes a date with last year’s CAA Champion Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond Dec. 5. The College will open CAA play in earnest Jan. 2 when it hosts the University of Delaware. How the Tribe handles its six early road games will be a firm indicator of how the College will play in the CAA.

- 11/6/07 SAINT ANDREWS (exhibition) 7 p.m.
- 11/10/07 at Georgetown 12 p.m.
- 11/15/07 at N.C. State 7 p.m.
- 11/20/07 at Wagner 7 p.m.
- 11/25/07 HOUSTON BAPTIST 2 p.m.
- 11/28/07 at Richmond 7 p.m.
- 12/5/07 at Virginia Commonwealth 7:30 p.m.
- 12/7/07 at North Florida 7:00PM
- 12/20/07 VMI 8 p.m.
- 12/22/07 MONTREAL COLLEGE 2 p.m.
- 12/29/07 at Hampton 7 p.m.
- 12/31/07 FAIRFIELD 2 p.m.
- 1/2/08 DELAWARE 7 p.m.
- 1/5/08 at Old Dominion 8 p.m.
- 1/9/08 JAMES MADISON 7 p.m.
- 1/12/08 at Georgia State 2 p.m.
- 1/16/08 NORTHEASTERN 7 p.m.
- 1/19/08 TOWSON 2 p.m.
- 1/23/08 at Drexel 7:30 p.m.
- 1/26/08 OLD DOMINION 7 p.m.
- 1/30/08 at James Madison 7 p.m.
- 2/02/08 UNC WILMINGTON 7 p.m.
- 2/6/08 HOFSTRA 7 p.m.
- 2/9/08 at Northeastern 1 p.m.
- 2/13/08 at UNC Wilmington 7 p.m.
- 2/16/08 at Towson 4 p.m.
- 2/20/08 DREXEL 7 p.m.
- 2/22/08 ESPNU BRACKETBUSTER
- 2/23/08 ESPNU BRACKETBUSTER
- 2/27/08 at George Mason 9 p.m.
- 3/1/08 VCU 7 p.m.
- 3/7-3/10/08 CAA Tournament Richmond, Va.

Women’s Basketball

PROJECTED STARTERS

Devin James, Senior, Guard

James stands just six points shy of becoming the 12th player in Tribe history to reach 1,000. Will be looked upon to provide leadership and scoring from the outside, and should benefit from Kaylor and Benson’s presence in the paint.

Courtney Portell, Junior, Guard

With the departure of Sarah Stroh ’07, Portell will be tasked with running the point for the Tribe. A streaky shooter, the junior can provide a spark from behind the arc for the College at any moment in the game.

Dani Kell, Junior, Forward

A torn ACL sidelined Kell for most of last season, but she returns healthy and ready to make up for lost time. Kell’s strong shooting and precise passing will benefit the offense by drawing out defenders and opening up the post.

Kyra Kaylor, Senior, Forward

Kaylor enters her senior season just 101 points shy of becoming the Tribe’s all-time scoring leader. Kaylor was named to the all-CAA first team last season thanks to averages of 14.8 points and 9.1 rebounds per game.

Tiffany Benson, Sophomore, Forward

Returns as a starter after setting the Tribe’s single-season blocks record a year ago. Benson will continue to mature around the basket on both ends, expanding her shot-blocking skills and developing into a threat to score for the offense.

KEY BENCH CONTRIBUTORS

Robyn Barton, Sophomore, Forward

Barton saw significant playing time as a freshman and will compete with Kell for a starting spot. Leads a pack of sophomores looking to take the next step this season.

Katy Oblinger, Freshman, Guard

Oblinger will spell Portell at the point. While reluctant to shoot the ball, superior passing and ball-handling skills will assure that Oblinger has an immediate impact.

Credits:
Written by Miles Hilder
Photos: Headshots and James photo courtesy of William and Mary Sports Information.



All home games played in Kaplan Arena

Head Coach: Debbie Taylor (85-144 Tribe record)

Last season’s record: 19-12

Last season’s CAA record: 10-8

Changing the culture

When Head Coach Debbie Taylor took over the Tribe’s basketball team in 1999, she immediately got to work laying the foundation for a winning program at the College. Eight years later, Taylor’s hard work is starting to pay off. The Tribe has finished above .500 in back-to-back seasons for the first time in the school’s Division I history, and it may be that the best is yet to come, as this year Taylor and her staff have shaped together a team that has all the makings of a champion.

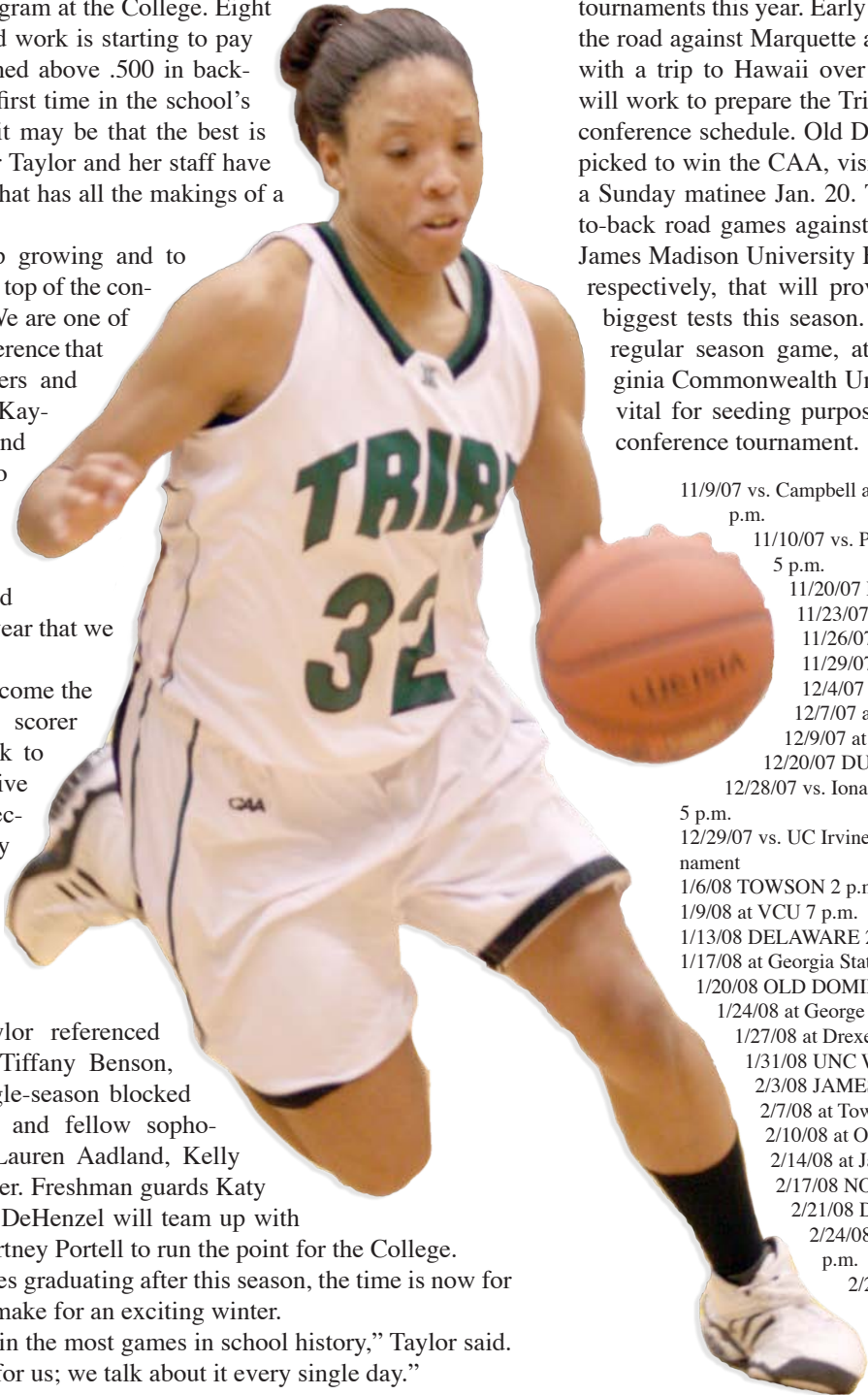
“I expect us to keep growing and to move ourselves up to the top of the conference,” Taylor said. “We are one of the few teams in the conference that has four returning starters and between [seniors Kyra Kaylor and Devin James, and junior Dani Kell,] who have all started since their freshman year, we just have a tremendous amount of experience and a lot of extra depth this year that we haven’t had in the past.”

Kaylor, on pace to become the College’s most prolific scorer and rebounder, will look to earn her third consecutive first team All-CAA selection, while James rapidly approaches 1,000 points for her career. Kell is looking to return from a knee injury sustained last season.

The depth that Taylor referenced comes in the form of Tiffany Benson, who set the Tribe’s single-season blocked shots record last year, and fellow sophomores Robyn Barton, Lauren Aadland, Kelly Heath and Lindsey Moller. Freshman guards Katy Oblinger and Katherine DeHenzel will team up with junior sharpshooter Courtney Portell to run the point for the College.

With Kaylor and James graduating after this season, the time is now for the Tribe, and it should make for an exciting winter.

“We are looking to win the most games in school history,” Taylor said. “This is a very big year for us; we talk about it every single day.”



2007-2008 Schedule

The Tribe kicks off their season on the road at Elon University, participating in their first of two tournaments this year. Early season matchups on the road against Marquette and Kentucky, along with a trip to Hawaii over the winter holiday, will work to prepare the Tribe for a tough CAA conference schedule. Old Dominion University, picked to win the CAA, visits Williamsburg for a Sunday matinee Jan. 20. The Tribe has back-to-back road games against Old Dominion and James Madison University Feb. 10 and Feb. 14, respectively, that will prove to be the team’s biggest tests this season. The College’s final regular season game, at home against Virginia Commonwealth University, may prove vital for seeding purposes heading into the conference tournament.

- 11/9/07 vs. Campbell at Elon Tournament 5 p.m.
- 11/10/07 vs. Penn at Elon Tournament 5 p.m.
- 11/20/07 RICHMOND 7 p.m.
- 11/23/07 at Radford 3 p.m.
- 11/26/07 at Marquette 7 p.m.
- 11/29/07 MAINE 7 p.m.
- 12/4/07 at Kentucky 7 p.m.
- 12/7/07 at Longwood 7 p.m.
- 12/9/07 at Howard 2 p.m.
- 12/20/07 DUQUESNE 6 p.m.
- 12/28/07 vs. Iona at Hawaii Tournament 5 p.m.
- 12/29/07 vs. UC Irvine/Hawaii at Hawaii Tournament
- 1/6/08 TOWSON 2 p.m.
- 1/9/08 at VCU 7 p.m.
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